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SUBJECT: PORT SAID MINEFIELD CLEARANCE

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1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT THAT ON JULY 28 SECDEF NOTIFIED SEC STATE OF DOD'S AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT MINE SWEEPING PROVIDING FUNDING WAS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES. AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR WAS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED TO INFORM FAHMY OF OUR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CONDUCT THIS OPERATION. ON AUGUST 5 AID INFORMED SECDEF OF AID'S INTENTION TO FINANCE THE CLEARANCE SUBJECT TO 15 DAY NOTIFICATION REQUIRED TO THE CONGRESS. THIS NOTIFICATION WAS ALSO MADE AUGUST 5 AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO DOD THUS CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AUGUST 20. ASSUMING NO OBJECTION FROM CONGRESS, MINE SWEEPING COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS AUGUST 20 WHICH IS ONLY TWO DAYS LATER THAN DATE AMBASSADOR GAVE TO FAHMY. IN THE MEANTIME, DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES AND NAVY ADVANCE PARTY CAN TAKE PLACE.

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